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1. During March 1951, two trains, each consisting of about 48 flatcars, were standing at the Parchim-Stadt* railroad station. These cars had to be kept in running order and be available on demand.
2. Because of increased traffic to the port of Warnemünde, the Schwerin Railroad Directorate (RBD Schwerin) was ordered to lay a second track between Rostock and Warnemünde. A second track has already been laid between Rostock and Bramow, and work has been started on the section between Bramow and Warnemünde, which is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1951. Although the groundwork is expected to be completed by that time, difficulties in the delivery of rails, sleepers and other items are envisaged.
3. The Soviet Control Council (SCC) has ordered the dismantled 14-kilometer section of track between Bützow and Schwaan to be replaced. This section is important to freight traffic to and from Rostock. At present, all west Mecklenburg freight traffic is directed to Rostock by way of Güstrow. The new connection will allow the Güstrow station to be relieved of freight traffic and to be used for other purposes.
4. Unloading facilities at the Güstrow station are to be improved and increased. Work was begun in March and is expected to be completed in two to three months. Ramps for 17 cars and a loading platform for 30 cars are planned.
5. A second track between Schwerin and Krebsförden,** now under construction, will be used exclusively for freight traffic when completed. This will somewhat lessen the load of the Ludwigslust-Schwerin line.
6. The Rerick peninsula, on the Baltic coast halfway between Rostock and Wismar, which is served by the Neubukow railroad station, was evacuated of all inhabitants in 1950. It is now a large maneuver area for Soviet tank and artillery units. An average of 5,000 men are camped in the area. Because of the increased military requirements, the SCC has ordered an increase in facilities at the station. A ramp for 40 cars is to be built for the unloading of trucks, guns, tanks, automobiles, etc. In order to increase the shunting facilities, three tracks of 500 meters each and one of 750 meters are to be built.

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